

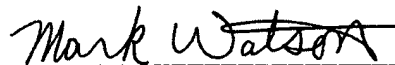
REMARKS / ARGUMENTS

Please note that the amendments to the claims provided above are offered to correct claim format errors existing in the claims following the Examiner's Amendment presented in the Notice of Allowance dated November 14, 2005. *No new matter has been introduced as a result of the above-listed amendments to the claims, and no new search is required.*

In particular, independent claim 1 was amended by the Examiner's Amendment of November 14, 2005 to recite a "method" while the claims dependent from claim 1, i.e., claims 2-26, continued to recite the original term "system." Consequently, claims 2-26 have been amended to replace the term "system" with the term "method" so as to avoid problems of indefiniteness under 35 USC §112 with respect to claims 2-26. In addition, minor typographical errors existing in claims 45 and 54 have also been corrected by way of the present amendment.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that claims 1-57 are in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to enter the amendments presented above and to pass this application to issue at the earliest opportunity. Additionally, in an effort to further the prosecution of the subject application, the Applicant kindly invites the Examiner to telephone the Applicant's attorney at (805) 278-8855 if the Examiner has any questions or concerns.

Respectfully submitted,



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